



THE WICK

Some views of the Ohio State African Violet Society's Annual Convention, Show and Sale



A shot of the Awards table – beautiful rosettes to be awarded.



And the show is open for viewing!



The newly installed officers for the Ohio State African Violet Society: I- r: Outgoing president Sandy McIntosh, 1st Vice President Jo Cornett, President Penny Wichman, Secretary Madelyn Sechler, Treasurer Nancy Carr, Directors Terri Vicenzi and Karen Cichoki.



One of the best show experiences: the Walk with the Judges!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, October 21,
7 pm**

Program: "Hands-On Hybridizing" by Pat Hancock.
Members are to bring fresh bloom stems and a blooming plant to the meeting.

Hostess: Maggie Garcia and Trish Smith

Plants for Raffle: Vicki Ferguson

**NOTE DAY AND
TIME CHANGE FOR
WINTER!!**

**Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019
2 pm**

Program: "Ask an Expert" facilitated by Jo Cornett
Hostess: Al and Karen Cenci
Plants for Raffle: Mel Grice

**Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019
2 pm**

Christmas Party
Coordinator: Maggie Garcia
Drawing for the Plant Stand from the Raffle Tickets sold through the year.

(Meetings are usually held at 7 pm the 3rd Monday of the month at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Ave. Springboro, OH 45066 unless otherwise noted.)

From the President's Keyboard

Fellow African Violet Growers:

It is finally Fall! The temperatures are dropping outside, but the violets don't know that. Hopefully, they will keep growing and producing beautiful blooms. Be sure to put on your calendar and come to our meeting on Monday to learn about hybridization for our club expert - Pat Hancock. **Be sure to bring a blooming plant and extra bloom stalks as well.** The snacks will be provided by Maggie Garcia and Trish Smith. Vicki is handling raffle plants this month. See you all Monday.

– Al Cenci



Like us on Facebook

Win a Plant Stand!

Reminder: All plant raffle tickets sold at club meetings will be entered in a drawing for a light stand complete with lights! A winner will be drawn at the Holiday Dinner in December.

Welcome new members!

**Susan Miller (419-297-4680, P.O. Box 490,
14240 Mohler Road, Neapolis, OH 43547, 4everyoung8@windstream.net)**

**Nancy Hoffelder (262-719-1930, 7742 W. Watermark Dr., Findlay, OH
45840 tvLNANCY@gmail.com)**

2019-2020 African Violet Society of Dayton - www.avsd Dayton.com

An African Violet Society of America, Inc. (www.AVSA.org) Affiliate

President: Al Cenci	(513) 325-7882	acenci1442@gmail.com
Vice President: Vicki Ferguson	(937) 885-6163	vicksterferguson@gmail.com
Secretary: Carolyn Richardson	(937) 298-2893	carolynrichardson46@yahoo.com
Treasurer: Lynnette Schluter	(513) 423-9712	lbsjcs@earthlink.net

Submit items for the newsletter by 1st of the month to:

Newsletter Editor: Vicki Ferguson (937) 885-6163 vicksterferguson@gmail.com

African Violet Society of Dayton September 16, 2019 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Al Cenci, President at 7:10 pm. Members present: Al Cenci, Karen Cenci, Linda Lloyd, Jo Cornett, Vicki Ferguson, Pat Hancock, Mel Grice, Jan Schroeder, Susie Yu, Trish Smith, Carolyn Richardson, Guests: Susan Miller and Nancy Hoffelder. Program – “Selecting an African Violet” by Mel Grice.

Minutes of the August 2019 meeting were approved as published in *The Wick*. Karen Cenci moved to accept the minutes, Pat Hancock seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Upcoming meeting dates will be Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 2 pm and Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 2 pm Christmas Dinner. Other dates will be set after Mel meets with the Springboro scheduler.

Karen Cenci reported that the Ohio State African Violet Society Show and Sale has 58 people registered and 47 attending the banquet Saturday evening. There is \$1830 for the awards. Jo Cornett reported that the menu for the hospitality room will be sloppy joes and chicken salad.

There had been a fire at the Eastgate Mall but it did not do much damage.

Jo Cornett, Vicki Ferguson and Karen Cenci were named to a committee to investigate Club shirts. Next month's program is on Hybridizing. Each person should bring 2 blooming plants.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Carolyn Richardson, Secretary

Club Sales List

(Note: these affordable prices are just one of the perks for being a dues-paying club member. Some supplies will be on hand at every meeting except perlite and charcoal. Contact Jo Cornett at 434-0087 if you wish her to bring any of the following supplies to the meeting.

Linda Lloyd is storing the potting mix and perlite. If you have special needs/quantities for those, contact Linda at leelloyd@woh.rr.com Thanks!)

Plastic Pots	2.5" and 3" pots	\$.15/each
	4" pots	\$.20/each
	5" pots	\$.25/each
	5" pan pots (white)	\$.30/each
	5" pan pots (green)	\$.45/each
Potting Mix	gallon bag	\$4.00
	(\$6/bag to the public)	
Perlite (chunky)	gallon bag	\$3.00
Charcoal	12 cups	\$2.50
Optimara Fertilizer	(14-12-14) 8 oz.	\$4.00
Marathon	1 cup	\$5.00
Sticky Traps	pkg of 6	\$5.50
Perma-Nest Plant Tray	(22"x11"x2")	\$8.00
Egg Crate	(for wicking in the trays)	\$3.00
Felt	(for wicking in the trays)	\$1.00
Hemostat		\$1.00
Water Bottle		\$5.50
Leaf Support Rings	Small (6" fits 3" pot)	\$.50



It is time to pay club dues! Individuals are \$15 and
Couples are \$20.

Please contact Carolyn Richardson at (937) 298-2893 or
carolynrichardson46@yahoo.com

Be sure to sign up with AmazonSmile and help the African Violet Society of America earn a 0.5% donation from eligible purchases from the AmazonSmile Foundation. Link your Amazon account to the African Violet Society of America today! Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and set the African Violet Society of America as your charity.



Force a Violet?

How does a master grower achieve prize-winning violets?

- A. With brute force
- B. With a pretty face
- C. With dumb luck
- D. With precise growing culture

If you chose answer D, Wayne Geeslin would agree.

Wayne's 'Buckeye Nostalgia' made the cover of the July/August *African Violet Magazine* by winning Best in Show at the 2019 AVSA Convention in Houston. Twenty-nine years earlier, Wayne wrote for the magazine and shared his detailed methods and strategy for winning awards.

Consistency then and now. The same tried-and-true culture led Wayne to win Best in Show again, but this time on the national stage with all of AVSA watching. Congratulations Wayne on an outstanding win, and thanks for showing your beautiful violets!



May 24-31, 2020
2020 AVSA Convention
Little Rock, Arkansas



Enchanted Gardens

Heidi Dillenbeck
1097 Darby Hill Road
Delanson, NY 12053
heidisviolets@gmail.com
518-895-6054

Please note: Heidi Dillenbeck had taken over John Cook's (Cape Cod Violetry) inventory and now offers hard-to-find growing supplies. The Enchanted Gardens Catalog was attached to the February newsletter email.